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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Thanks to all the parents who helped with the Taste of Home Show.

Thank you to Melody Harris, Lacey Lanaghan, Chris Martin, Hunter Keller, Christopher Lanaghan, Erica Anderson & Chrissy Anderson who helped at NILE AG in the Classroom.

Congratulations to Clayton Moore, winner of the Gary Parker Memorial Scholarship. He plans on using the funds in his beef project.

Good Luck to all of the new officers for this 4-H year.

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT NOVEMBER 15 - METRAPARK

Family Fun Night is a carnival type fund-raising event.

Each 4-H member is asked to:

- 1) Sell pre-event gate tickets (raffle ticket). Be sure to bring one as gate admission.
- 2) Bring a cake or pie for the cake walk or food booth. Bring a book for the book walk.
- 3) Work at their club booth.

Just a reminder - your raffle ticket is your admission

ticket. Everyone needs one to get into Family Fun Night. There will be announcements about Family Fun Night on the local radio and television stations. You will see and hear many 4-H leaders and parents. (bce8/17/01)

Important dates to remember are:

November 12 - Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Room 105 of the Courthouse. All unsold tickets and money from pre-event gate tickets **must be turned into the Extension Office. (One check from each club, please.)**

November 15 - Family Fun Night 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Metra Montana Pavilion.

November 17 - Post Family Fun Night Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Room 105, Courthouse.

Contact your club representative or the Extension Office if you have questions. Thank you to all 4-H Club representatives for doing a great job!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE MONTANA PAVILION

5:00 p.m. - County awards given in project areas (These are the ones 4-H members interviewed in October.)

Special Awards given:

10 year members
10, 15, 20 and 35 year leaders
Outstanding Leader Awards
Alumni Awards
Friend of 4-H Award
Friendship Award
Club Secretary Awards
Family Fun Night Club Booth Winners

6:00 p.m. - Family Fun Night begins.

8:30 p.m. - Door prize winners announced. Silent auction



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closes. Club booth awards.

9:30 - 11:30 p.m. - 4-H Dance - Everyone is invited!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT DANCE

A 4-H family dance will be held from 9:30 - 11:30 p.m. at the MetraPark Montana Pavilion after Family Fun Night. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be an admission fee of \$1.00.

CITIZENSHIP TRIPS AVAILABLE

Each year Yellowstone County sends 1 - 5 individuals to Montana's Citizenship Seminar in Helena and three individuals to Washington Focus in Washington, D.C.

All members 14 and older have received information in the mail. To be considered as a delegate, you must participate and send in your registration and bill by Friday, November 14th and participate in the Citizenship Interviews will be Sunday, December 7th.

Applications were mailed in mid October to 4-H members age 14 and older. Brush up on current affairs, read the newspaper, watch TV news and know your state representatives.

MT Citizenship Seminar - Will be held in March 1 - 3, 2009. You must be 14 by October 1, 2008.

Washington Focus - Will be held June 6 - 12, 2009. You must be 15 by October 1, 2008.

If you have questions or want more information, contact the Extension Office.

ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE DEC. 15

All 4-H member and leader forms are due in the Extension Office on Monday, December 15th, 2008. **New this year** is the Permission, Release and Assumption of Risk for 4-H Livestock Programs form which must be completed by every member that is enrolled in an animal project including pocket pets. This form should also be returned by December 15th. New Leaders must complete and return a Volunteer Application with their enrollment form.

Additional forms can be printed off the Yellowstone County 4-H website under "Other Forms" or picked up at

the Extension Office.

Please remember we need your audit, enrollment forms and dues before we may fill your project materials order.

NEW 4-H FAMILY ORIENTATION

Anyone (new or past participant) is invited to come and learn some of the "foreign 4-H language" used in the program. We will visit about the overall 4-H program and answer questions. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9th in Courthouse Room 105.

4-H PROJECT DAY, DEC. 13

Come to Project day at First Congregational Church (310 N 27th Street in Billings) to learn about projects offered in 4-H. Try something fun and new. Registration will be held from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Some classes have a limited enrollment so participants will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Snacks will be provided. No lunch will be served. Classes offered will include Skillathon, Foods, Edible Arts, and Comedy Improv. Participants will be able to select three 45 minute classes. Classes will be done at 12:00 noon.

Project Day is open to all members, leaders and parents. Come and learn new ideas and have fun.

4-H LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The theme for this breakfast is: **Ready-Set-Go Green!** Our emphasis at the breakfast will be on visiting with the legislators about:

- How 4-H get youth ready to learn about Citizenship, Leadership, Healthy Living, and Technology.
- How 4-H prepares youth to grow and excel in these areas, and
- Presentation of Terra Pod projects designed by 4-H'ers.

An adult county contact person is needed for this event. Any youth or adult interested in attending need to contact the Extension Office by Friday, November 28th.

The Legislative Breakfast will be held January 20th, 2009 in Helena.

2009 WESTERN REGIONAL 4-H LEADERS FORUM

This year's forum will be held February 25-March 1 in Denver, CO. Join adults and youth from 13 western states and the Pacific Islands to meet new and old friends, share ideas, explore new skills and learn the latest in 4-H.

All 4-H members 14 years or older are invited to attend. Activities include dynamic speakers, workshops (youth-adult teams), educational tours, a group community event and lots of fun!

All states need to provide adult chaperones for their teens attending.

For registration materials contact the Extension Office.

Regular registration ends January 15th with late registration ending February 15th.

2009 MONTANA AG CALENDARS

Again this year the Montana Ag Calendars featuring Don Greytak are available. Sale of this calendar generates funds for educational programs for Montana Youth in 4-H and for students studying agriculture at Montana Colleges and Universities.

Your club may sell these calendars for \$10.00 each. Your club will earn \$2.50 for each calendar sold. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 256-2828.

COMMUNICATION CONTEST

Plan on attending the Communication Contest Day organizational meeting on Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. in Room 105 of the Courthouse.

We will discuss the date, location, judges and other ideas or suggestions. Someone from each club is asked to attend.

2008-2009 4-H COUNCIL BUDGET

The 4-H Council budget for the upcoming 4-H year, starting October 1, will be mailed to each Organizational Leader. Ask your Organizational Leader to see the budget

if you are interested in what 4-H Council spends money on during the year. You can also contact Roni at the Extension Office for a copy.

INTERNATIONAL 4-H YOUTH EXCHANGE

Now is the time to think about traveling abroad with the IFYE program for a three or six month exchange. Montana youth can travel to Japan, Australia, Norway, Finland and Costa Rica for one month next summer as part of the IFYE Ambassador program. Age requirements vary by program. Former 4-Hers (19-30) can travel to a country of their choice and stay with host families for up to six months. Travel for this program begins June 2009 after a national orientation that brings together IFYEs from all over the United States. Significant financial assistance for these programs is provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation and program coordination is provided by the 4-H Center for Youth Development. These trips are unique cultural experiences that encourage global communication and allow participants to understand another culture and language in-depth. **Application deadline: Jan. 15, 2009.**

4-H youth from around the country travel with chaperones to their country of choice and stay with host families for a month beginning in June or July 2009. Adult chaperones are needed for all of these programs. **Application deadline for adult chaperones to Finland, Japan, Australia or Costa Rica: Jan. 15, 2009.**

A full year internship is available to a select number of college-age youth (3-4 annually) who have already been to Japan on a one month summer exchange. Interns are selected from around the nation and work in the Labo or LEX offices for one year. Applicants chosen for an interview will be flown to Seattle to meet with the Japanese partner organization before a final selection is made. This is once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! **Application deadline: Dec.1, 2008.**

Application materials for all programs are available on the web at <http://www.montana4h.org> or by calling Stephanie Davison at 406-994-3501.

4-H GRANTS

People Partners Grants are available to 4-H club members or groups who would like to do something to help improve

the quality of life for children, youth and adults in Montana.

There is an emphasis to encourage participants to learn about their communities and to become active in working on programs that will help to make their community a more attractive, safer and more enjoyable place in which to live.

In the past, services have involved clean-ups, tree plantings and road signs. There will be about \$5,000 available in financial support to programs that will enhance the "quality of living" for PEOPLE in the community. **Applications are due in the Montana 4-H Foundation Office by February 1st, 2009.** You can obtain an application at the Extension Office.

Innovative Programming Grants are available to innovative individuals or groups to set up educational programs. This is a very open grant. All you need to do is think of an innovative idea. For example, several years ago the photography project leaders in Meagher County set up a monthly "Meagher County Video Magazine." The project involves kids in learning how to run a camera, conduct interviews, script, edit and create TV productions.

MSU 2009 FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Montana State University will be awarding a large number of scholarships to academically talented Montana resident freshmen who apply for admission for the fall semester 2009. To be eligible, you must complete the following as soon as possible:

Apply for admission to Montana State University.

Applications are available in the MSU Viewbook or you may apply online at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwcat/appopts.html>

Have your ACT and/or SAT test scores sent to MSU directly from the testing company.

A variety of **additional scholarships** (with variable criteria) will be awarded by some academic colleges and departments to new freshmen entering in the fall of 2008. To be considered for these scholarships, you must apply for admission and submit the Freshman Departmental Scholarship application must be postmarked no later than February 1st, 2009. This application can be found online at <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships.shtml>

CITIZENSHIP...MAKE SOME GREEN BY BEING GREEN!

Make money for your 4-H club, school or other community organization by recycling your old cell phones. Absolute Recycling will pay for old, working cell phones. The amount per phone depends on the age of the phone and its working order. After you collect 25 phones, go to www.absoluterecycling.com or call 877-237-7235, and Absolute Recycling will pick up the phones at no charge to you and issue a check to your organization within 5-10 business days. The website has a sample flier and a letter to businesses for your use in promoting the fundraiser. Make some green by being green!

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

National 4-H Conference will be held March 28-April 2, 2009 at the National 4-H Center just outside Washington, D.C. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults - at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture - assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Conference delegates are prepared, personally and professionally, to become more active participants within their communities and effectively develop youth-adult partnerships for community action.

Who May Attend:

Montana will send a delegation of up to four participants. Youth delegate: Must be 15 - 18 years old as of January 1, 2009 and not a high school senior during the 4-H year in which they apply and attend.

Adult Chaperone Delegate: Must be an enrolled volunteer in the Montana 4-H Program (25 years or older).

Application Process:

Complete the application available at the Extension office by November 15th. Applications will be reviewed by selection committee and delegates will be selected.

Delegate Expenses:

Partial funding will be provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation to selected delegates (support dependant on the number of delegates). Delegates will be responsible for a portion of the approximate \$1,200 total cost per participant.

GINGERBREAD CONTEST

Candy Town's 2nd Annual Build a Gingerbread competition, which will take place in conjunction with the Festival of Trees on Dec. 4th-7th.

Completed gingerbread entries (does not need to be a house—can be any person, place, or thing) will be judged on the basis of appearance, creativity, difficulty and precision. This year's theme is "Snowmen will melt your heart". Use of the theme is encouraged but not required. Prizes will be awarded in each of the categories: Adult, Teen (13-19), and Youth (up to age 12). There will also be a People's Choice Award. Entry deadline is Monday, December 1st.

Entry forms and contest rules are available at the Extension Office. Questions can be answered by calling Amy at Candytown @ 651-9196.

LEARN ABOUT BEING A 4-H LEADER

This is the opportunity we have all been waiting for, the chance to learn more about being a 4-H leader. Come get new ideas and share your own. This is a workshop being organized by Stillwater and Carbon Counties. Jill Martz, Director of the 4-H Center for Youth Development, will be presenting information and there will be a panel of local leaders giving practical suggestions on various topics. You will have the chance to brainstorm and discuss other ideas. So whether you are new to 4-H and have some questions or you have been around and have some advice, this workshop is for you.

This workshop will be held Sunday, November 16th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Park City Civic Center. Please contact the Stillwater County Extension Office at 322-8035 by Wednesday, November 5th to register. There is no charge for this workshop. See you there!

NOV. 22 IS FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY

Family volunteering encourages the members of a family to volunteer as a unit. A "family" is "any group of two or more people who consider themselves a family." Family volunteering can be done by the whole family together, by one parent and one child or teen, by siblings together or by extended family such as grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. It can be as simple as drawing cards for children

in the hospital or as complex as bonding hundreds of families together in a day of volunteer work at a community park. However families choose to do it, family volunteering can help mobilize thousands of new volunteers and instill in the next generation a lifelong commitment to volunteering!

National Family Volunteer Day on November 22nd, is designed to demonstrate the power of families who choose to volunteer together to support the communities in which they live and serve.



Why should your family volunteer?

- Strengthens family communication & bonds.
- Allows family members to be role models.
- Increases commitment to volunteering & community.
- Provides quality family time.

For ideas for project ideas & help planning your day visit:
<http://disney.go.com/disneyhand/familyvolunteers/>

ANIMALS & ITEMS FOR SALE

Just a reminder that we keep a file at the Extension Office with animals, tack, equipment, etc. for sale. You are welcome to put things in the file and I encourage folks to call and check the file if you are looking for something. We just received information about Market Wether Goats. If you are interested give us a call, 256-2828.

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

Yellowstone County News
Arrow Striping

Montana Motor Repair

Beartooth Veterinary
Project Mercantile

Billings Kubota
Lockwood Vet
Residence Inn

YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST

The Montana Farm Bureau (MFB) Foundation is happy to announce the 6th Annual MFB Foundation Speech Contest. Just write a speech on the topic: "The Effect of Brucellosis on Montana Agriculture" and present it at the state contest in Billings, held in conjunction with the MFBF Annual Convention on November 9th, 2008!

You could win a part of \$1,500 in cash prizes just by talking! Registration forms are available in the Extension Office and are due in Bozeman by November 3rd, 2008.

STATE HORSE SHOW RESULTS

The Montana State 4-H Horse Show was held Sept. 12-14 in Corvallis, Montana. Congratulations to the following county winners:

State Champions:

Michelle Holzwarth	Bareback Equitation 15-18
Michelle Holzwarth	Western Equitation 15-18
Britta Hultgren	Trail 9-11
Miranda Gabel	Senior Barrels
Miranda Gabel	Senior Poles

Reserve Champions:

Tara Welborn	Western Horsemanship Lv. 5
Michelle Holzwarth	Western Horsemanship Lv. 7
Shelby Sundheim	English Horsemanship 6

Third Place:

Shelby Sundheim	Bareback Equitation 15-18
Michelle Holzwarth	English Equitation 15-18
Britta Hultgren	Western Horsemanship Lv. 3
Tara Welborn	English Horsemanship 5
Michelle Holzwarth	English Horsemanship 7

Fourth Place:

Britta Hultgren	Western Equitation 9-11
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Shelby Sundheim

Western Horsemanship Lv. 6

Fifth Place:

Kaari Hultgren	Showmanship 12-14
Britta Hultgren	Bareback Equitation 9-11
Michelle Holzwarth	Colt to Maturity 3-yr. old
Kaari Hultgren	English Horsemanship 3

Sixth Place:

Michelle Holzwarth	Showmanship 15-18
Shelby Sundheim	English Equitation 15-18
Logan Schaff	English Horsemanship 2

Seventh Place:

Tara Welborn	Bareback Equitation 12-14
Britta Hultgren	English Equitation 9-11
Logan Schaff	Western Horsemanship Lv. 2
Logan Schaff	Trail 9-11

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Shelby Sundheim	Trail 15-18
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Eighth Place:

Tara Welborn	Showmanship 12-14
Tara Welborn	Trail 12-14

Also attending was Connor Sundheim.

DEPARTMENT N MEETING

There will be a Department N meeting on Thursday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. in Courthouse Room 105. During this meeting the Showcase Committee and other Department N activities will be set up. Please have at least one representative from your club attend.

CAKE KIDS

Cake meeting Tuesday, Nov. 18th at 6:30 p.m. in room 105 of the Courthouse. Anyone already signed up for

cake decorating or wanting to check it out is welcome. We will be making Thanksgiving cakes. Please bring icing and your tools. RSVP by Friday, Nov. 14th to the Extension Office @ 256-2828 or Carol @ 248-4069 (leave a message), so I can bring enough cakes and boards for everyone. See you there! ~ Carol Corder, Cake Leader

ATTENTION 4-H CLUBS 4-H SHOWCASE

LIVESTOCK NEWS ...

The first meeting for the spring 2009 Showcase and Public Revue will be held during the November Department N meeting on November 6th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in Courthouse Room 105.

Each club must have a Showcase representative attend the Department N meeting to plan for this big event next spring. Clubs not sending representatives may not be allowed to have their members participate.

This would be a good time to encourage a teen leader to attend along with the adult leader.

CAT PROJECT MEETING

There will be a Cat Project meeting on Saturday, November 8th at 9:00 A.M. in the Sage Center at MetraPark. We will be planning for the January show and working on judging cats. Bring your cats. Contact Anna @ 671-3333 or Penny @ 254-9411 with questions.

Here are the 2008-2009 meeting dates for the Cat Project. Please reference your calendar for meeting times and locations.

Dec. 13—Holiday party.

Jan. 10—Making rosettes for the January show.

Jan. 16—Mandatory set up & practice for show.

Jan. 17—Invitational Cat Show

Mar. 14—Community Service activity

Apr. 11—Practice showmanship & grooming for May

May 8—Set up for Cat Show

May 9—County Cat Show

SMALL ANIMAL, SALE & LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

The next Small Animal Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m., followed by Sale Committee at 6:30 p.m. and Livestock Committee at 7:30 p.m., in Room 105 of the Courthouse. The date has been changed from November 26th.

STATE 4-H HORSE COMMITTEE

Interested adults and teens are encouraged to apply for a position on the Montana 4-H Horse Committee. (Nomination form attached) The committee is made up of two adults and two teens per 4-H District. At this time, the committee has more vacancies than members so there are a lot of positions to fill. Since this is virtually a new beginning, the positions will be staggered in 1 year, 2 year, and 3 year terms so that the entire committee does not turn over at the time of the next election. All teen (4-H age 14 and up) positions are for one year and teens may repeat their term of office until they are no longer in 4-H. Adults may repeat only once and then must have a year's absence before serving again.

Nomination applications are available in the Extension Office are due at the state 4-H Center by January 15, 2009.

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

To further benefit 4-H members in the livestock project and to keep up with current trends in the animal industry, volunteers and county agents are being asked to consider serving on a State 4-H Livestock Committee. The makeup of the committee will be similar to the State 4-H Horse Committee. Terms will be 3 years beginning and ending in January. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development will be accepting applications through December 1st. There will be places available for two volunteers and two teens per 4-H District as well as positions for county agents. Major responsibilities will include Animal Quality Assurance Programs, the Advanced Market Beef Project, Livestock Leaders Forum (could be held in combination with the State 4-H Horse Leaders Forum), Updating or Adding Curriculum, and policy decisions. This committee and its responsibilities will continue to take shape as we

meet and discussion statewide livestock issues. Any feedback is certainly welcome and we look forward to building a very successful 4-H Livestock Committee.

Applications are available in the Extension Office and the deadline is December 1st.

NILE HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

Brianne Dandrea, Tara Welborn, Brooklyn Mitchell and Kaari Hultgren participated in the Horse Judging Contest at NILE on Monday, October 13th.

NILE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The NILE Livestock Judging Contest was held Tuesday, October 14th. The following 4-H members participated:

Cortney Bromenshenk	Beau Bromenshenk
Ty Nansel	
	Jordyn Wagner
Justin St. John	
	Trey Nansel
Jake Kraft	

MONTANA ADVANCED YOUTH MARKET BEEF PROGRAM TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 3, 2009 - COLUMBUS, MT

The Montana Advanced Youth Market Beef Program will be offered again for the 2008-2009 4-H year. In this program, youth between the ages of 12 and 19 feed a pen of 3 market steers. The pen of 3 steers are weighed and tagged locally by January 15th, 2009 to get an initial weight. The steers are fed until *tentatively* June 3rd, at which time there will be a live show at Midland Bull Test in Columbus. From Columbus, the steers are shipped directly to a commercial processing facility in Greeley, Colorado to be sold on a quality and yield grade basis.

The purpose of the Montana Advanced Youth Market Beef Project is to offer a program that is better aligned with current beef genetics and the cattle feeding industry of today. The main focus is to expand youth knowledge of animal science, consumer demands, and the competitive feeding industry.

Interested youth should contact the 4-H office at 256-2828

prior to January 15th to enroll in this program. Each participant will receive three panel ear tags to identify the pen of 3 steers. We have a maximum of 15 participants, so encourage youth to enroll early!

CLUB CORNER

Clubs who turned in club minutes this month.

City Slickers – We reviewed the fair. It went well – many in the club did a great job.

Explorers – Enrollment for the new year was discussed. In December we will be baking for the Family/Women's Shelter, The Hub and Men's Shelter.

Heights Trailblazer – We plan on selling wreaths this year. Officers were elected and then we carved pumpkins.

Hesper Hustlers – We numbered tickets for Family Fun Night. We discussed record books, MSU Ag Days and enrollment for the new year.

Lockwood Humble Bs – A committee proposed changes for the by-laws. Enrollment forms were distributed.

Lockwood Soaring Phoenix – Sign up sheets were put out for families to sign up for the new year. After officer elections we talked about Family Fun Night and the Festival of Trees.

Ruff Riders – We put a window display in Laurel. We will have our Fall Fun Day in October.

Shepherd Tumbleweeds – New officers were elected. We made some changes to the club by-laws.

Town n Country – Some of the members split off and are forming a new club. We elected new officers and planned Family Fun Night.

Yellowstone Mavericks – Decided to get club t-shirts, elected officers & talked about Festival of Trees.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

November's Discussion Questions:

Remember the best bumper sticker you ever saw and share its message. (If you can't remember, make one up!)

Choose a picture from a magazine or newspaper and make up a story to go with it. Use your imagination! What is the name of your main character in the picture? What is he or she doing and why? Be creative!

Parents: Share a story from your first date, courtship, or engagement.

Imagine you are in class taking a difficult test. You can

